TO: Officials In Charge of Headquarters Offices

FROM: JI/Headquarters Quality Council Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Headquarters Quality Council Meeting (special session) of

August 13, 2001

The NASA Headquarters Quality Council met on August 13, 2001, from 1 –2 p.m. in ACR-2. The following personnel were in attendance:

Name <u>Title/Organization</u>

Daniel Mulville Associate Deputy Administrator and

Official-in-Charge, Headquarters ISO 9001

Brian Keegan Chief Engineer

Richard Williams Chief Health & Medical Officer

Richard Brozen Representing Lee Holcomb

Chief Information Officer

Michael Mann Director of Integrated Financial Management

Program Office of the Chief Financial Officer, and Headquarters ISO 9001 Executive Management

Representative

Richard Beck Representing Steve Varholy

Chief Financial Officer (Acting)

Michael Christensen Associate Administrator

Office of Headquarters Operations

George Reese Associate Administrator

Office of Equal Opportunity

Vicki Novak Associate Administrator

Office of Human Resources and Education

Edward Frankle General Counsel

Tom Luedtke Associate Administrator

Office of Procurement

Jeffrey Sutton Associate Administrator

Office of Management Systems

Mary D Kerwin Deputy Associate Administrator

Office of Legislative Affairs

Joseph Rothenberg Associate Administrator

Office of Space Flight

Paula Cleggett Associate Administrator

Office of Public Affairs (Acting)

Fred Gregory Associate Administrator

Office of Safety and Mission Assurance

Gregory Reck Deputy Associate Administrator

Office of Aerospace Technology

Earle Huckins Deputy Associate Administrator

Office of Space Science

Kristen Erickson Deputy Associate Administrator

Office of Biological and Physical Research (Acting)

and representing the Chief Scientist

David Saleeba Director

Office of Security Management and Safeguards

Ghassem Asrar Associate Administrator

Office of Earth Science

Beth McCormick Associate Administrator

Office of Policy and Plans (Acting)

Mr. Mann provided a presentation in conjunction with the May 4, 2001, Quality Council action for the ISO 9001 Program Office to provide more details regarding transitioning the HQ Quality System to the requirements of ISO 9001:2000. Mr. Mann's brief is enclosed.

Early in Mr. Mann's brief there were some questions from council members regarding the focus of the meeting. That is, some council members questioned whether the purpose of the meeting was to revisit the discussion from the May 4, 20001, regarding whether HQ should transition to ISO 9001:2000, or whether the focus of the meeting was to present more detail regarding how HQ would make the transition. Mr. Mann stated that the May 4, 2001, Quality Council agreed with HQ making the transition, and that the action was to present more detail regarding the transition. However, he suggested that if the Quality

Council wanted to further discuss the decision to make the transition, or details thereof, it would be best to do so after reviewing the details provided in his brief. The Associate Deputy Administrator reiterated that the May 4, 2001, Quality Council agreed to make the transition, and that Mr. Mann's action was to ensure the details of the transition were such that it:

- 1) minimized the burden on all HQ offices,
- 2) added value to the system we already have in place, and
- 3) conformed to the requirements of ISO 9001:2000.

However, the Associate Deputy Administrator agreed that the council could discuss the issue further after Mr. Mann's brief. Mr. Mann proceeded with his brief regarding the proposed details of HQ transitioning to the requirements of ISO 9001:2000. Upon concluding his brief, Mr. Mann opened the floor for discussion.

The remaining discussion focused on the potential workload associated with all offices making the transition to ISO 9001:2000. Several offices contended that they did not feel comfortable with Mr. Mann's assessment of the changes and the associated work involved in making the transition, and asked that more detail be provided to assess the impact on their staffs. The Associate Deputy Administrator asked Mr. Mann if he could provide such detail for a future meeting, and Mr. Mann agreed to do so. In doing so, the Associate Administrator for Earth Science volunteered to work with Mr. Mann and the ISO 9001 Program Office in better defining the details of workload requirements in making the transition to ISO 9001:2000 in Code Y. The presumption is that by defining the workload requirements in Code Y, the Enterprises would have a more accurate estimate of workload requirements within their Enterprise.

The meeting concluded with the agreement that another meeting would be held to discuss the HQ transition to ISO 9001:2000 in greater detail. Two actions was identified at the meeting as follows:

## Responsible Organization

## Action

Code JI (ISO 9001 Program Office)

- Working with Code Y, prepare a follow-on briefing for the HQ Quality Council to address the impact of the proposed HQ ISO 9001:2000 transition model on HQ Officials-in-Charge workload.
- Per the Associate Deputy Administrator direction, solicit input from the NASA Centers regarding the benefit obtained by the Centers in implementing a Quality Management System (QMS) that conforms to ISO 9001. In addition, solicit the Centers plans for transitioning their QMS's to the requirements of ISO 9001:2000.

In accordance with HQPC 1150.1, the next regularly scheduled meeting of the HQ Quality Council is required to occur between October 4, and December 4, 2001. As requested by the ADA, a special session of the HQ Quality Council has been scheduled for September 20, 2001, from 1 –2 p.m. in ACR-2. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss, detailed work requirements that are expected to be placed on Headquarters Officials-in-Charge for making the transition to the requirements of ISO 9001:2000.

Scott M. Holliday		
Enclosure		
Concurrence:	Michael B. Mann HQ ISO 9001 Executive Management Representative	Date
Approval:		
	Daniel R. Mulville Associate Deputy Administrator	Date

## Enclosure

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